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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON
ENERGY DURING NAC MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION DECEMBER 12.
ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT DISCUSSION WAS IN RESTRICTED
SESSION AND SHOULD BE TREATED WITH CORRESPONDING DIS-
CRETION. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS SHOULD SERVE AS BACK-
GROUND GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIES ON THIS
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2. DISCUSSION OPENED WITH SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION OF US VIEW REGARDING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. US HAS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE ENERGY QUESTION. ITS PREMISE IS THAT IT HAS BECOME CLEAR OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE A NATIONAL POLICY. INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT CANNOT BE RESOLVED ON A NATIONAL BASIS AND CERTAINLY NOT WITHOUT JOINT ACTION BETWEEN US AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WE ALL FACE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN THAT NONE OF US HAS CERTAIN ANSWERS TO THESE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. IN ANY EVENT, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONG.

3. REGARDING THE ENERGY PROBLEM, US PROPOSALS ARE WELL KNOWN BUT TWO POINTS DESERVE EMPHASIS. THE FIRST IS A NEGATIVE ONE IN SEEKING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES THE US IS TRYING TO PRODUCE A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT CONFRONTATION WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES, ESPECIALLY FOR EUROPE AND JAPAN. OUR PURPOSE IS TO PRODUCE A DIALOGUE WITH THE PRODUCERS AND NOT A CONFRONTATION.

4. THE SECOND POINT RELATES TO CONSUMER SOLIDARITY. THE US IS CONCERNED AT THE PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL DEMORALIZATION OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WESTERN COUNTRIES. THIS DEMORALIZATION SEEMS ENDEMIC. THIS SENSE OF IMPOTENCE CAN ONLY BE ENHANCED IF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF THE WEST IS CONSTANTLY AFFECTED BY COUNTRIES WITH NO INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF THESE WESTERN COUNTRIES. THE US WANTS TO GIVE ADVANCED INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES THE SENSE THAT THEY CAN MASTER THEIR OWN DESTINY, THAT THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO GO ON THEIR KNEES TO THOSE OUTSIDE THE AREA. IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT PRODUCING COUNTRIES CAN FOR GROUPS WITHOUT ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS WHILE MAJOR CONSUMERS CANNOT GET TOGETHER TO INSURE THEIR SURVIVAL.

5. US HAS HAD MANY DIALOGUES WITH PRODUCERS. DIALOGUES HAVE ALL STARTED FROM PREMISE THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION MUST DEPEND ON THE PRODUCERS' REALIZING THAT WE

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ALL LIVE IN THE SAME WORLD AND THAT ECONOMIC COLLAPSE IN THE WEST WILL, IN THE LONG RUN, LEAD TO ECONOMIC DISASTER FOR PRODUCERS AS WELL. THIS APPROACH DEPENDS ON THE WEST NOT ENGAGING IN PETTY COMPETITION FOR SHORT-RUN COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES. OUR VIEW REGARDING CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOGUE IS THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR IT AS SOON AS COMMON POSITIONS ARE ESTABLISHED AMONG CONSUMERS AND CONSUMER SOLIDARITY IS AT SUCH A

POINT THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT MERELY DUPLICATE
RESULTS OF BILATERAL DIALOGUES.KISSINGER

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